

PISTOLS MUST GO.

At Least That is What the Legislature Says

SENATE AGREES WITH HOUSE

The Bill Forbids the Carrying of First Arms Less Than Twenty Inches in Length

Mr. Cooper's bill to regulate the carrying, manufacturing and sale of firearms usually used for the infliction of personal injury, and to make a violation of the same a misdemeanor, was taken up in the Senate on Tuesday of last week. The bill is very drastic in its provisions, and the committee report on it was unfavorable.

Senator Graydon offered an amendment making the bill apply only to pistols, and advocated the bill with his amendment at some length.

Senator Aldrich thought it the best bill that has been introduced at this session. Public opinion has crystallized on two points, and that is, that key and pistols are responsible for most of the crime. The penalty for carrying concealed weapons is entirely too low. He knew of no evil in the State more to be deplored than the almost universal custom of carrying concealed weapons. It is a most demoralizing and degrading thing. The penalty cannot be made too severe. The habit of carrying a concealed weapon will make a coward of any man. In the course of his career he will be ever gets into a row without his pistol he will run as sure as he lives a pistol is a disgraceful thing, and no man ought to be allowed to carry one on his person, and use free passes from a State arm at all he needs a gun and not a pistol.

Senator Henderson said he was much opposed to carrying concealed weapons as anybody, but he thought this proposed law would be unconstitutional, and he thought the right given by the constitution of carrying guns, and this bill will prohibit us from carrying pistols, concealed or not. The bill, he thought, would be unconstitutional, and for that reason he could not vote for it.

Mr. Ilderton suggested an amendment that a man could not carry weapons "without just cause or excuse." He thought the wisest thing to do would be to stop the importation and sale of pistols. He thought the bill under discussion should pass. The Senator Mower analyzed the bill. In the first place it absolutely forbids the carrying of a pistol, whether concealed or not. It is entirely unconstitutional, and it provides that there shall not be sold in this State a fire arm less than a certain size and weight. He seriously doubted if the passage of laws on this subject will do much good. We will have to have something besides laws.

Senator Henderson said he did not believe the law would do any good, but it would be violated just as the present law against concealed weapons is violated.

Senator Mayfield offered an amendment that a person desiring to carry a concealed weapon might obtain an annual license from the clerk of court at an annual cost of \$50, and spoke in favor of his amendment as to a man thinks he ought to be armed he ought to be allowed to do so, and the people ought to know it. So let him take out a license, and let everybody know that he has taken out such a license.

Senator Henderson said this amendment would still not make the law constitutional. The taking out of a license would not protect anybody. He moved to strike out the enacting words of the bill.

Senator Graydon extended that this bill would be constitutional as the language of the constitution as to the right of the people to bear arms referred only to the militia.

Senator Stansland thought this a most important measure, and that some law of this kind should be passed. He spoke of the conditions in the lower counties, and said protection of some kind was sorely needed.

The vote to strike out the enacting words resulted as follows:

Ayes—Barwell, Bowen, Brantley, Brown, Dennis, Glenn, Gruber, Henderson, Hydrick, Moore, Mower, Sharp, Talbird and Walker—16.

Noes—Aldrich, Appelt, Blakeney, Brice, Caughman, Dean, Douglas, Gaines, Graydon, Hough, Ilderton, Manning, Marshall, Mayfield, McDermott, Moore, Mower, Stansland, Sullivan and Williams—21.

The Senate refused to strike out the enacting words.

Senator Appelt offered an amendment that a man might be allowed to carry a concealed weapon upon paying an annual fee of \$50 a license to be issued by clerk of the court.

Senator Hough opposed this license feature. If we are going to prohibit the carrying of concealed weapons let us prohibit outright. If a man wants to carry a weapon for defense let him obtain a license for it.

Senator Ilderton also opposed it and thought it would discriminate against the poor man, who might be unable to pay the license, whatever it might be. He thought his amendment as to "just cause or excuse" would cover the ground.

Senator Mayfield withdrew his amendment.

Senator Graydon offered an amendment to simply make it unlawful for a man to carry a fire arm less than 20 inches in length or less than three pounds in weight. This, he said, would give a man the right to bear any arms except pistols.

Senator Brown moved to indefinitely postpone the whole matter.

On this the vote was 15 to 12, and the Senate refused to postpone the bill.

The question of adopting Senator Graydon's amendment then came up and was adopted by a vote of 16 to 10.

A vote was then taken on Senator Ilderton's "just cause or excuse" amendment and it was voted down.

Senator Gruber moved to indefinitely postpone the bill, but the chair ruled

TILLMAN ENDORSED.

Resolutions to that Effect Passed by the House

In the house on Thursday Mr. J. B. McLaughlin, of Orangeburg County, introduced the following preamble and resolution:

Resolved, That the course of our senior senator, Hon. B. R. Tillman, in the United States Senate has been and is that of a true Democrat and contains much of which his State feels proud and honored, to wit, his vote against the ratification treaty, his strong stance against the armor plate trust, his magnificent fight against the ship subsidy steal, his manly position at all times in favor of those principles and measures founded upon Jeffersonian Democracy, therefore be it

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Mr. Jarnison said that he opposed the resolutions, and that he would vote against the resolutions.

Mr. Cogrove moved a substitute which was much milder in tone. Mr. Cogrove's resolution stated:

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MANY OCTOPUSES.

Countless Hordes of Them Inhabited the British Channel

THE HORRIBLE CREATURES.

Have Tentacles that Spread Sixteen Feet and Have a Suction of Several Horse Power.

A plague as horrid in its way as any of those from which the ancient Egyptians suffered has assailed the south coast of England. Countless hordes of octopuses—the devil fishes of Victor Hugo—have invaded the English Channel, and have swarmed along the shores of Devon and Cornwall in such numbers as to beggar belief. Traveling about in the Channel, they have well-nigh destroyed the lobster and fish fisheries by devouring these crustaceans whole sale and on the French side of the strait, especially in the Department of Finistere, they are thrown up all over the sea after violent storms in such quantities that their loathsome bodies have been gathered up and removed by hundreds of cart loads to prevent them from endangering the public health by rotting.

Many of these creatures have a spread of six feet or more, and some are being three feet in length and cover an area as big as 50 cent pieces. But specimens have been seen very much larger in size, and individuals are known sometimes to attain a measurement of sixteen feet from arm tip to arm tip. That the large ones will readily attack human beings is well known, the sucking discs with which the arms are provided holding the victim with a force equal to some horse power. One fair specimen was seen to have a small child in its grasp, and the man, unless he is lucky enough to have a big knife or spear.

The most surprising point about the plague referred to is that the octopuses have rarely been seen in British waters, and only a few specimens have been obtained in England at long intervals, and half a sovereign was frequently paid for a small one. It is very numerous in the Mediterranean sea, and runs as far north as the south side of the English Channel, which is its extreme limit ordinarily. Seldomly the present scourge is due to a series of hot summers and mild winters, which have encouraged the propagation of the disgusting mollusk—by nature a warm water animal—and possibly other conditions may have helped it to multiply in unprecedented numbers. It is not known how far it has spread along the coast since it was first introduced.

That, after having eaten the fish, the food supply on that side of the strait, the octopuses migrated in swarms across the Channel to England.

First there was an abnormal multiplication of the mollusk in the neighborhood of the Channel, and along the French coast, then came the migration and a consequent scarcity of food, and finally armies of octopuses advanced across the Channel to the English shore.

One of the first signs of its arrival upon the shores of Devon and Cornwall was the appearance of a great number of crabs which had been driven into the shallow waters by the marauding mollusks. The latter enter the traps of the fishermen and destroy the lobsters and crabs which have been caught, and sometimes they are literally buried under the writhing, pulpy monsters.

The female octopus makes her nest in any sheltered and convenient hollow in the rocks. There she lays her eggs, which, in a few days, hatch out young octopuses. One of the curious phenomena incidental to the recent plague has been the finding of immense numbers of minute pulps, not long hatched, and hardly bigger than grains of rice. Not much is known as to their rate of growth, but it is believed that they do not reach full size until they are about 8 years old.

The presence of the devil fishes in the English Channel being due to the unusual conditions, it is expected that the plague will not last very long. One severe winter would probably destroy a major portion of them. Moreover, however, devouring immense numbers of oysters as well as edible crustaceans, and scientific experts have been trying to find some means whereby the enemy may be fought. In Plymouth Sound experiments have been made recently for fishing for the pulps with pots such as are used in the Mediterranean.

In the Mediterranean the octopus is regularly fished for and used for food. Pincers-shaped earthen pots are attached to fixed intervals to a long line and which they are fastened being buoyed at the ends so that it may be found again. Every few days the line is hauled up and it is not uncommon to find every one of the pitchers occupied by a single fish. The pulps, being a soft-bodied animal, it is an easy prey to many enemies, and on this account it eagerly takes advantage of any suitable shelter. The jets, which are not baited in any way, afford ideal places of concealment, and it is hardly for a moment possible to see them until they are within the mouth. Hence the effectiveness of these queer traps.

The octopus has eight tentacles of equal length radiating from its central mass and armed with suckers. It has a head, it is in some dark cavity in the rocks, waiting for an unsuspecting victim to venture within reach. With three or four of its arms it clings fast to a rock, while with the remaining tentacles waving, gliding and feeling about in the water it keeps on the alert for prey. A man coming within its reach is likely to be instantly seized, and its suckers, as the pull of a trigger, the pistons of the hundreds of suckers on a tentacle are simultaneously drawn inward, the air is removed from the pneumatic holders, a vacuum being created in each, and the unfortunate is so completely pinched that hardly for an instant is possible to immediately the other tentacles not occupied in clinging to the rock are wrapped about the victim, and he is drawn into the close hug of the pulps, to be

THE McLAURIN MATTER

The Resolutions to Condemn Him Laid on the Table

The resolution introduced in the house to condemn the action of Senator John L. McLaurin in the United States Senate was laid on the table on Wednesday by the following vote:

Ayes—Ashley, Aull, Bostick, Brantley, Blaise, Bolts, Cooper, Dadd, Douglas, Campbell, Carter, Cogrove, Crum, Coffey, Crum, Dantzer, Dean, deLoach, Dennis, Dadd, Dunbar, Duran, Elder, Fox, Fraser, Freeman, Gunter, Hill, Humphrey, James, Jarnigan, Kinard, Kiser, Ligon, Manning, McCall, McGowan, Mithow, Moberg, Morrison, Patterson, Richardson, Robinson, C. E. Robinson, R. K. A. Sanders, Seigler, Sinker, Smith, J. B. Speers, Thomas, J. P. J. Thompson, Welling, Wells, Wilcox, Woods, Woodward—58.

Noes—Austin, Bivens, Brown, Cooper, DeBrah, Dominick, Drown, Estridge, Gaston, Gordin, Gullachut, Hinkle, Hardin, Hollis, Johnson, Kibler, Kinsey, Little, Little, Lomax, Lomax, Lyles, Morrison, Moss, Noblit, Nichols, Prince, W. L. Prince, Pyatt, Rankin, Redfear, Robertson, Rucker, Smith, M. L. Strom, Tatum, Thoms, Thomas, W. J. West, Williams, Wingo—44.

The house was somewhat surprised Thursday when Mr. McLaurin moved to take up from the table Mr. John M. Master's resolution of censure for John L. McLaurin. This motion was not debatable, but the speaker indulged Mr. McLaurin to state his position. Mr. Rucker said:

Mr. Speaker: Wednesday a resolution was laid on the table without giving an opportunity to those that favored it to give their reasons for its passage. It was an important one and whilst we were present, and the reasons that actuated those who opposed the resolution it will be understood and used elsewhere as evidence that the house of representatives endorse the course of the junior senator from this State. I feel sure that not 10 per cent. of those who opposed the resolution endorse Senator McLaurin's course. It is not a question of the advisability of the resolution. It has been introduced. The question I respectfully submit to you is, shall we endorse his course? I do not think the estimate placed upon the rejection of the resolution. It has been urged in conversation that we ought not to condemn him in his absence. Why should we not? He has not hesitated in our presence to betray the trust we placed in him.

He ran as a Democrat in a Democratic primary and as the result of that election was chosen by a Democratic legislature to the senate.

I had fault with no man because of his vote upon any question, even though I disagree with his political associates; but when the disagreement with his party associates requires that the Collector Gazette, taken from the corner stone of the Preston Mansion.

On this occasion the Lecturer will be dressed in full uniform, manufactured by Cowdly from the original flag, hauled down at Sumter. He will also wear the sword with which he cut him self free from Truth and Virtue ever since 1861.

The money for the occasion will be furnished by the \$1,000 Certificate Post Bond, which will play, by request, some of the air performed at the Gubernatorial Mansion during the summer, but serious also from "a hundred thousand dollars."

A quartet from the Penitentiary will be present and sing at the close of the Lecture—

"Return, ye Ransomed Sinners, Home."

The Cashier of one of our Banks has kindly consented to preside at the organ.

Price of admission, 75 cents.

Unpaid Notes of the Lecturer will be taken at their market value.

County Treasurers are invited to contribute.

"Parker's Haul," as Columbians will know, was purchased about 20 years ago by the State and was used for eight or ten years by the department of agriculture, the first floor being occupied by an exhibit of the State's mineral products, and the second floor by the department of the State's products.

Gov. Tillman gave up the building to Mr. E. B. Wesley, for whom it was purchased in part with Blue Ridge money, and was free to Mr. William H. Lyles, the street and water commissioner of the city, and has now been converted into the Albemarle hotel, the first floor, formerly notorious as "Parker's Haul," the "Third House" of the days of good stealing, being occupied by a wholesale fruit establishment.

Many have been the changes in the last quarter of a century, but the fluctuations of fortune have been nowhere better illustrated during that period than in the history of Parker's Haul.

Do Not Need It.

The people of Statesboro, Ga., are very much exercised over the proposed building of another railroad to town.

They have usually held a mass meeting to protest against the building of the road, and they have not been enough roads to be built in the town, and they are very much exercised over the proposed building of another railroad to town.

Caring for Animals.

A Philadelphia society known as the Morris Brough Society, and known as the "Suffering Animals" spent \$3,888 in providing food and homes for such last year. During the year it cared for 24,810 dogs, 4,740 cats, and 45 other animals. The care bestowed upon forty-five of the animals was putting them to death in as painless a manner as possible.

Believes in an Empire.

The Commoner says one of the administration organs in Chicago criticizes Chancellor Andrews of the Nebraska State university because he pretends that the ultimate disintegration of the British empire, to secure bonquets from Republican papers, one must advocate the establishment of an empire here, rather than suggest the disintegration of empires elsewhere.

AN HONEST MAN

A Worthy Example That Should be Often Followed

We commend the following which we clip from the Augusta Chronicle to those of our subscribers who have been from time to time dropped from our subscription list for not paying for their papers. The Chronicle says there are few honest men left in the world. Some of this category who will remain with us are too honest to live long. They are needed in Heaven to lift the average of that place where even all are just. Col. Dyer yesterday received a letter from one who is calculated to do great